

Senate Joint Resolution

No. 1

Introduced by Senator Liu

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 1—Relative to the federal Morrill Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 1, as amended, Liu. Postsecondary education: the Morrill Act.

This measure would ~~congratulate the President of the United States and the Congress on their foresight in enacting the Morrill Act which allowed for the establishment of land grant colleges in the United States~~ *memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to renew the commitment to accessible higher education and the support of research in the interest of the nation.*

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1862, the United States was engaged in a Civil
- 2 War ~~which that~~ divided the nation and depleted its treasury; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States sought to
- 4 energize the vital intellectual resources of the nation by ~~making~~
- 5 *enacting legislation to make* higher education accessible to the
- 6 public, and thereby apply that intellectual capacity to stimulate the
- 7 national economy ~~which that~~, at the time, was based in agriculture
- 8 and mechanical arts; and

1 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln supported, encouraged,
2 and signed this legislation because it contained ideals that united
3 the North and the South and was able to be executed through the
4 allocation of land grants; and

5 WHEREAS, This legislation, known as the Morrill Act (*7 U.S.C.*
6 *Sec. 301*), manifested itself in California with the establishment
7 of the University of California; and

8 WHEREAS, The impact of the University of California, and its
9 sister public *postsecondary* institutions, the California State
10 Universities and the California Community Colleges, ~~have~~ *has*
11 educated millions of ~~Californians~~, *Californians* and strengthened
12 not only the state's ~~agriculture~~ *agricultural* industry as ~~premised~~
13 *promised* by the Morrill Act, but continued to assist the state's
14 economy in each successive wave of innovation, including the
15 industrial age and the information *technology* age; and

16 WHEREAS, The people of California have experienced a
17 profound benefit from the Morrill Act; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
19 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature ~~respectfully congratulates~~
20 ~~the President of the United States and the Congress on their~~
21 ~~foresight in passing the Morrill Act and memorializes them to~~
22 ~~renew their~~ *memorializes the President of the United States and*
23 *the Congress to renew the* commitment to accessible higher
24 education and the support of research in the interest of the nation;
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
27 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
28 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
29 ~~Majority leader~~ *Leader* of the Senate, to each Senator and
30 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
31 States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.